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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

First Named  
Inventor : Jean L. Westby et al.  
  
Appln. No. : 10/714,478  
Filed : November 13, 2003  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS TO  
REDUCE SERIAL  
COMMUNICATIONS PATH  
CONNECTION OVERHEAD  
  
Docket No.: S104.12-0060

Group Art Unit: 2116  
Examiner: Thuan N. Du

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant mailed  
April 29, 2005. Please amend the above-identified re-issue  
application as follows:

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant mailed on February 1, 2005.


Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the first Official Action and prior to calculating the fees for the application.

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 1-38.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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